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Via email: [63458-67488132@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:63458-67488132@requests.muckrock.com)

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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On November 6, 2018 you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments and text messages, between Benjamin Cassidy, the Senior Deputy Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any agent, representative or employee of the Property and Environment Research Center, a Montana-based think tank. This request includes any and all communications between Cassidy and any email address that ends in "@perc.org". This request seeks records produced between October 1, 2017 and the date this request is fulfilled.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on November 6, 2018 and assigned control number **OS-2019-00161**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified your request as a "media use request." As a "media use requester" you are required to pay for duplication after 100 pages. As a matter of policy, however, the Department of the Interior does not bill requesters for FOIA fees incurred in processing requests when their fees do not exceed \$30.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. (See 43 C.F.R. § 2.18(a)).

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. For the same reason, we are placing your request under the "Normal" processing track. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.15. You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

Mr. Jimmy Tobias

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Judge P. Stephens by phone at (202) 208-5921, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov) or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer